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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the Chinese Office Action dated January 2, 2004.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the aboveidentified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in advance of the receipt of a first Office Action in this application. Therefore, it is believed that no fees are due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(3).

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